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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 January 2009.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 5-7, 10, 11 and 15 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 2, 3 and 13 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 4, 8, 9, 12, 14 and 16 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-16 are currently pending in the instant application. Applicants have amended claims 1-4, 6-9 and 11-16 in an amendment filed on January 28, 2009. Claims 1,4,8,9,12,14 and 16 are objected, claims 2, 3 and 13 are allowable and claims 5-7, 10, 11 and 15 are drawn to non-elected subject matter and are withdrawn from consideration.

I. *Response to Arguments/Remarks*

Applicants' amendment, filed on January 28, 2009, has overcome the rejection of claims 1-9 and 11-16 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement; the rejection of claims 1-9 and 11-16 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for the term "organic residue"; the rejection of claims 1-9 and 11-16 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph for the phrase "such as"; the rejection of claim 2 as being indefinite for the limitation "having as structural feature a tetrazole ring, e.g. of formula (IV)".; the rejection of claim 2 for insufficient antecedent basis; the rejection of claim 3 for insufficient antecedent basis; and the objection to the abstract. The above rejections and objection have been withdrawn.

Applicants have failed to delete the non-elected subject matter in claims 1,4,8,9,12,14 and 16. Applicants have elected group V which is drawn to a process for the manufacture of a compound of formula (IV) wherein Rx is as defined in claim 2. To overcome the objection Applicants need to limit all of the claims to the elected group V (i.e. claim 1). Thus the objection has been maintained.

II. *Information Disclosure Statement*

The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on January 28, 2009 is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement has been considered by the examiner.

III. Objections

Claim Objection-Non Elected Subject Matter

Claims 1, 4, 8, 9 and 14 are objected to as containing non-elected subject matter. To overcome this objection, Applicant should submit an amendment deleting the non-elected subject matter.

Claim Objections

Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities: claim 1 contains a duplication of steps (i) and (ii). See pages 10 and 11. Appropriate correction is required.

IV. Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shawquia Young whose telephone number is 571-272-9043. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00 AM-3:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph McKane can be reached on 571-272-0699. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Examiner, Art Unit 1626

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